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The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date on which further action will be taken on this Application. The requirements of the Notice to Comply communication dated June 3, 2002 (paper no. 12) have been withdrawn. The Interview Summary was faxed June 16, 2002.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your convenience.

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